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Executive action _____
Effective date _____

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2004 Legislative Session

Legislative day #14

BILL NO. 74-2004

Introduced by:
Guy Guzzone, Chairman

Co-Sponsored by Councilmen:
Christopher Merdon, David Rakes, & Ken Ulman,

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to prohibit the use of the County Seal for
unauthorized uses.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2004. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Having been posted & notice of time & place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2004 and concluded on _____, 2004.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

This Bill was read the third time _____, 2004 and Passed __, Passed with amendments __, Failed __.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this _____ day of _____, 2004 at _____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator to the County Council

Approved/vetoed by the County Executive on _____, 2004.

James N. Robey, County Executive

NOTE; [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law.
~~Strikeout~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. *Be it enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that Section
2 22.101 “County Seal.”, of Subtitle 1 “County Flag and County Seal.”, of Title 22 “General
3 Provisions, Penalties and Rules of Interpretation” of the Howard County Code is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

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7 **Title 22. General Provisions, Penalties and Rules of Interpretation**

8 **Subtitle 1. County Flag and County Seal**

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10 **Section 22.101. County Seal.**

11 (a) *Origin.* The seal of Howard County, Maryland, shall be a copy of the seal designed
12 by Edward Stabler for the Howard District of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and dated 1840.

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14 (b) *Design.* The seal, based on the Stabler design, is a shock of wheat, centrally
15 dominant, with a hand plow to the left and a pike harrow to the right. All three (3) are centered in a
16 plowed field with tobacco plants growing in the foreground. Trees and rolling hills form the
17 background. A cloudless sky forms the upper third of the design.

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19 (c) *Color rendering.* When rendered in color, the design colors shall be: The sky--
20 Prussian blue-med.; the wheat-- Yellow ochre; the hills--Graduated shades of terraverte; the tobacco
21 plant in the foreground--Chrome-green-med.; the trees--A dark shade of chrome green; the soil--
22 Burnt umber-med.; the spike harrow and the plow blade--Ivory black diluted to gray; and the plow
23 handles--Burnt sienna-med.

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25 (d) *Displaying.* The county seal shall be displayed on the wall of the county council
26 hearing room, Ellicott City, Maryland. The seal may be displayed in other county buildings.

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28 (e) *Attesting.* The duly elected county executive of Howard County, the duly appointed
29 secretary to the county council of Howard County, and the duly appointed county administrator of
30 Howard County shall attest to the county seal.

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2 (F) *USE.* IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO MAKE OR USE
3 THE SEAL, OR REPRODUCTION THEREOF, FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR
4 THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, UNLESS EXPRESSLY APPROVED
5 IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. THE SEAL, OR ANY
6 REPRESENTATION OR NEAR REPRESENTATION, SHALL NOT BE USED FOR:

7 (I) ANY POLITICAL PURPOSE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO
8 MAILERS OR HANDOUTS; OR

9 (II) ANY PURPOSE WHICH WOULD MISLEAD THE PUBLIC INTO
10 BELIEVING THEY ARE DEALING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF
11 HOWARD COUNTY.
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13 (G) *PENALTIES.* ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF
14 SECTION 22.101(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A
15 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE
16 NOT EXCEEDING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FOR EACH
17 OCCURRENCE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5
18 MONTHS. ALTERNATIVELY, IN ADDITION TO AND CONCURRENT
19 WITH ALL OTHER REMEDIES AT LAW OR EQUITY THE CHIEF
20 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND HOWARD COUNTY MAY ENFORCE
21 THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22.101(F) WITH CIVIL PENALTIES
22 PURSUANT TO TITLE 21 “CIVIL PENALTIES” OF THE HOWARD
23 COUNTY CODE. A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A CLASS B
24 OFFENSE.
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26 *Section 2. Be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that*
27 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*
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